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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR
PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THE 2009-2010 ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF
FEDERAL FUNDS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends acceptance of an estimated \$605,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission. These funds are used for various CDBG-eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority and included in the County's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Action Plan, which is being presented to the Board of Supervisors as a separate item on today's agenda. This letter also recommends approval for the Housing Authority to continue administration of \$3,036,874 in prior year CDBG funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission (Commission) is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Housing Authority to accept from the Commission an estimated \$605,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and to continue administration of \$3,036,874 in prior year CDBG funds, which will be requested for incorporation into the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year



2009-2010 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County of Los Angeles (County) provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

The Action Plan is being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval as a separate item on today's agenda. This item also designates the Community Development Commission to serve as the agent of the County in administering the Action Plan and the allocated funds.

The Action Plan identifies a total of \$605,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 CDBG funds for projects that will be administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to accept these funds into the Housing Authority's budget, and to continue administration of \$3,036,874 in prior year CDBG funds. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the funds allocated to the Housing Authority by project, as well as a description of each project to be funded.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates an estimated \$605,000 in new Thirty-fifth Program Year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) CDBG funds that will be incorporated through the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Housing Authority budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 27, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2008-2013 and the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Action Plan. These documents have been updated as required by HUD. The current Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Action Plan ends on June 30, 2009, and a new plan must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to receive continued funding from HUD. The new Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year to address the objectives of the Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy. A list of the Housing Authority projects included in the Action Plan is provided in Attachment A.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan are being federally funded. As applicable,

the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and related Acts and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. This letter relates to two other items appearing on today's agenda for the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission. At their meeting of April 22, 2009, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the proposed actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(1), because it is a planning document and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The Action Plan is not subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: 1

ATTACHMENT A

HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

	PROJECTS (New Funding)	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Sheriff's Youth Intervention Program Nueva Maravilla (First)	Provides recreational and physical activities to public housing youth at the Nueva Maravilla housing development. A sheriff will provide these services to approximately 75 youths, who range in age from 9-18. Additionally the sheriff will also provide crime prevention activities.	\$80,00
Carmelitos and Harbor Hills Playground Equipment and Flooring Replacement (Fourth)	Replacement of the existing play structure components and rubber surfacing material under four (4) playgrounds in the Harbor Hills and Carmelitos housing developments in the Fourth Supervisorial District.	\$125,000
South Scattered Sites Exterior Painting (Countywide)	Provides funds to patch/paint, stucco, repair/replace fascia boards and other repairs as needed at the different designated South Scattered Sites locations.	\$200,000
Orchard Arms Parking Lot and Sidewalk Repairs (Countywide)	Replacement of deteriorated asphalt parking surfaces, curbs, gutters driveways and sidewalks with new cost-effective concrete.	\$200,000
	TOTAL:	\$605,000

	CONTINUING PROJECTS (Prior Year Funding)	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Nueva Maravilla Termite Abatement I (First)	Provides funds for termite abatement and elimination of dry rot by repairing the wood residential units and common areas at the Nueva Maravilla Housing Development	\$196,687
South Scattered Sites Gate Replacement (Second)	Removal and replacement of existing gates that are not functioning and pose a safety issue for the residents of twenty (20) South Scattered Sites in the 2 nd District.	\$235,000
Southbay Gardens Commercial Kitchen	Enhancement and upgrade of the existing residential grade kitchen, which is undersized and inadequate, into a commercial grade kitchen that can be utilized to provide meal plans for the senior residents at this housing development.	\$205,000

HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (Continued)

	CONTINUING PROJECTS (Prior Year Funding)	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Ujima Village Relocation	Provides CDBG funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) to pay tenant relocation expenses for residents of the Ujima Village public Housing development in the 2 nd Supervisorial District.	\$1,975,000
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Second)	Supplement project costs for the Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center which includes rebuilding modular units that serve as a child care center, operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	\$78,500
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Countywide)	Supplement project costs for the Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center which includes rebuilding modular units that serve as a child care center, operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	\$70,000
Carmelitos Senior Elevators (Countywide)	Repair and modernize the two elevators at the Carmelitos Seniors Housing Development. Current condition of the elevators poses as a hazard to the residents.	\$276,687
	TOTAL:	\$3,036,874